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[Cleveland, OH]

DR. HOWARD DITTRICK
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June 6, 1927.

Sidney P. Noe Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155 & 156th St.,
New York. N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Whiting of the Cleveland Museum of Art has referred me to you in connection with some work I am doing in the history of medicine. I am connected with a museum of the Cleveland Medical Library Association and we are in quest of medals of medical interest.

Have you any suggestions that might help in acquiring some suitable material for museum purposes?

Yours very truly,

Howard Dittrick

HD/RM.

June 9, 1927

Dr. Howard Dittrick,
524 Osborn Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of June 6th, do I understand that you desire to acquire medals relating to medical subjects or that you merely wish to acquire books or other material of that nature? In the latter event, there is a very helpful publication by Dr. Storer, which ran through several years of the "American Journal of Numismatics" beginning with 1888 and continuing through the year 1912. His descriptions are not illustrated but they are very careful. I believe there is a file of the Journal in your city at the Western Reserve Historical Society and, possibly, also in the City Library. If not, these issues may be had still at $2.00 per annual volume and if you care to have a sample issue sent you, so that you may see what they are before ordering, I shall be very glad to arrange to do this.

If you desire to purchase such medals, I would suggest your placing an order with some European dealer and I could refer you to several. Because such an order might involve an expenditure a great deal larger than you might intend, I am pointing out the very large number of pieces that come within its category. Please let me hear from you further.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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The Cleveland Medical Library Association
11000 EUCLID AVENUE
CLEVELAND

CARL H. LENHART, M. D.
Director of the Library
J. C. HARDING,
Librarian

June 16, 1927.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
New York. N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your references to Literature on Medals and I am very pleased to have this help. I have not had an opportunity to consult them as yet but will do so within the next few days.

In the meantime, let me explain that in writing you I was anxious to find just where medals, or even replicas of of the more rare specimens which are related to medical history, are to be found. I am not ready to purchase many just at present but hope from time to time to interest members of the library in this material in order that they may donate it to the Museum which is a part of the library.

At present, therefore, I merely wish to know where such objects are obtainable and when opportunity arises, gradually to add to our treasures.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your interest, I remain,

Yours very truly,

HD/RM.

Howard Dittrick

June 18, 1927

Dr. Howard Dittrick,
524 Osborn Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of June 16th, I hardly believe you will find any dealers in America carrying medical medals, such as you desire. I would suggest your writing to M. Schulman, Keizergracht 448, Amsterdam, Holland, and asking him to send you a list of what he may have on hand. You might limit this either as to quantity or scope. If you fail to do so, it is possible that you might receive "on approval" a consignment hich you might hardly care to purchase. I might give you the names of several other dealers but unless you have a really considerable amount to spend, it would be unwise to complicate the situation.

If this will give you the information you desire, I should be very happy.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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June 28/27.

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Director of the Library

J. C. HARDING,
Librarian

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

I received your letter and Budapest catalogue and found that for which I was searching. In the list you indicated ther were a few medals which were not too expensive but of sufficient value historically to be very much worth while.

The thought was that if a little germ could be spr sprouted it might grow in interest and ultimately the members of our library would be donating this class of material. As an example a man whom I interviewed gave me a commerative medal of a congress held in Stockholm and in talking over the matter he showed me two very beautiful low reliefs in bronze, 3"X 5", which he promised to our museum at a later date.

Thanking you for your help and interest, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Howard Dittrick, M. D.